

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, claims 1-16, were allowed, and claims 17-20 were rejected under Section 102(b) over *Cassidy*.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-16. And, independent claim 17 is amended, as set forth herein, in manners believed to distinguish better the invention recited in claim 17 over *Cassidy*.

Support for the amendments is found, e.g., on page 4, lines 27-29.

As now amended, each network of the first set of networks stored in the first list during the operation of storing the first list is defined to be a network with which the mobile node is permitted to communicate. And, analogously, each network of the second set of networks stored in the second list during the operation of storing the first list is defined to be a network with which the mobile node is permitted to communicate.

While the Applicant acknowledges that *Cassidy* discloses a means for storing first information and a memory module for storing second information (column 1, lines 64-66), such structure does not store entries identifying sets of networks, each network being a network with which a mobile node is permitted to communicate. As set forth, e.g., in column 4, lines 61-65, information stored at an EEPROM or information stored at an SIM card is used at the disclosed telephone. However, the data that is stored and that is used does not identify networks with which the telephone is permitted to communicate. But, rather, as defined in column 2, lines 17-21 and lines 50-62, the stored information identifies the telephone, not a network. While the terminology "ID networks" and "SIM networks" is used, lines 17-18 state that networks either identify a telephone by its internal ID or identify a subscriber by the identity on the SIM card. That is to say, the "ID networks" and "SIM Networks" stored at the EEPROM and SIM card are not identifiers of the networks. Instead such identifiers identify the telephone at which the elements are positioned.

Additionally, there is no disclosure in *Cassidy* of selection of a network first of a network listed on both a first list and an available network list and, thereafter, if needed, of a network listed on both a second list and on the available network list. Even for purpose of argument, that

the EEPROM stores the first list and the SIM card stores the second list, *Cassidy* does not make selection based upon information being stored both at one of the elements and also on the available network list. *Cassidy* only discloses using information stored at an EEPROM or at a SIM card based upon whether the SIM card is positioned at the telephone (and upon whether the SIM card is detected to have been replaced). As this information differs with the information that is recited in the operations of storing, as now amended, in claim 17, this claim, as amended, is believed to be distinguishable over *Cassidy*.

As claims 18-20 include all the limitations of their parent claim, these claims are also believed to be distinguishable over *Cassidy*.

In light of the foregoing, independent claim 17, as now-amended, and claims 18-20 are also believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

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